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Applicants: James W. Voegele, et al **Examiner:** Not assigned
Serial No.: 10/777,324 **Art Unit:** 3737
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For: **FINGERTIP SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS**

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**PETITION TO CORRECT
INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.48(a)**

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a), Petitioners respectfully
request that the Commissioner correct the inventorship of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.
10/777,324.

Specifically, Petitioners seek to add Wayne L. Poll as an inventor to the above-
identified U.S. Patent Application. The omission of Wayne L. Poll as a named coinventor was
made through an error which arose without any deceptive intention on the parts of Wayne L. Poll
or anyone else.

Accompanying this Petition is the Statement of Wayne L. Poll under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(1) acknowledging that the error underlying his omission as a named inventor occurred without any deceptive intention on his part.

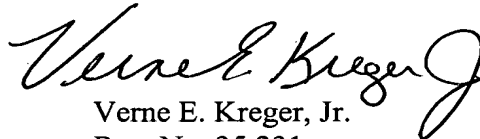
Also accompanying this Petition is a new Declaration by the actual inventors as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2) and 1.63.

Also accompanying this Petition is a Consent To Change Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48, executed on behalf of the assignee Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc.

Authorization is hereby made to charge the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) to Deposit Account No.10-0750/END-5016/VEK.

Accordingly, the Petitioners respectfully request that the Commissioner grant the instant petition to correct the inventorship of the above-identified application by the addition of Wayne L. Poll as a named coinventor.

Respectfully submitted,



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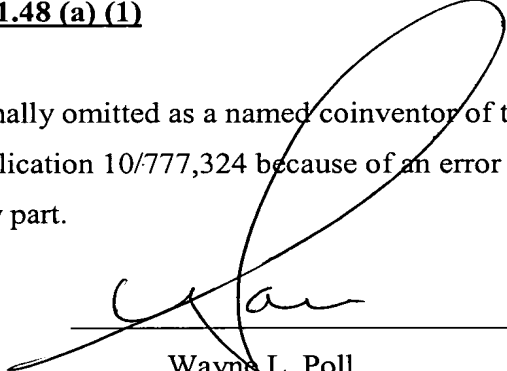
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STATEMENT OF WAYNE L. POLL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 (a) (1)

I, Wayne L. Poll, state that I was originally omitted as a named coinventor of the subject matter embodied in the above U.S. Patent Application 10/777,324 because of an error which occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

Dated: 8/17/04


Wayne L. Poll